

<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>		Application Number	09/545,139
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995		Filing Date	April 7, 2000
		First Named Inventor	Robert J. D'Amato
		Group Art Unit	1614
		Examiner Name	Goldberg, J.
		Attorney Docket Number	05213-0650 (43170-219681)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 28, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, the applicant may file a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
  - iii.  Other
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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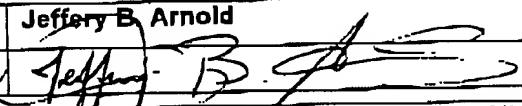
**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

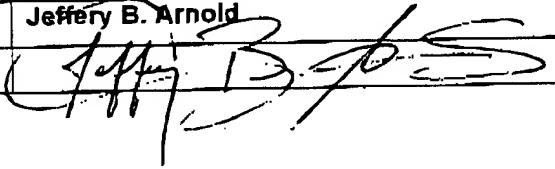
- a.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the following fees:
  - i.  RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.
  - ii.  Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17.
- b.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$500 and any additional fees that are deemed necessary, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0855 to cover the fee for filing the Petition to Withdraw Application From Issue Under 37 CFR 1.3.3(b)(5) For Abandonment To Permit Consideration of New Art In A Continuing Application (\$130), and the fee for filing the Request For Continued Examination (RCE) (\$370).

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Signature		Date February 25, 2002

**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

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